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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE
PERFORMANCE OF CERTAIN LIMITED DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR
VEHICLES FUNCTIONS BY TOWN CLERKS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study the feasibility, costs and benefits of authorizing town clerks to
3 perform certain limited functions that are statutorily assigned to the
4 Department of Motor Vehicles. The task force shall (1) examine
5 functions of the department that are performed at branch offices of the
6 department, including, but not limited to, original issuance, renewal
7 and replacement of motor vehicle operator's licenses and identity
8 cards, and original issuance and renewal of motor vehicle
9 registrations, (2) identify any such functions that may be performed by
10 town clerks, and (3) analyze the feasibility, costs and benefits of
11 authorizing town clerks to perform such functions.

12 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

13 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,

14 one of whom shall represent the Connecticut Town Clerks Association
15 and one of whom shall represent the Connecticut Conference of
16 Municipalities;

17 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
18 of whom shall represent the Connecticut Town Clerks Association and
19 one of whom shall represent the Connecticut Council of Small Towns;

20 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
21 Representatives;

22 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

23 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
24 Representatives;

25 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and

26 (7) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or the commissioner's
27 designee.

28 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (3),
29 (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the
30 General Assembly.

31 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
32 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
33 filled by the appointing authority.

34 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
35 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
36 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall
37 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not
38 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

39 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committees of the
40 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to

41 transportation and government administration shall serve as
42 administrative staff of the task force.

43 (g) Not later than January 1, 2017, the task force shall submit a
44 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
45 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
46 relating to transportation and government administration, in
47 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.
48 The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or
49 January 1, 2017, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a task force to study the feasibility, costs and benefits of authorizing town clerks to perform certain limited Department of Motor Vehicles functions.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]